THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI *RAJESH PILOT*) : (a) to (e) The Government of India is fully committed to implementing the Rajiv-Longowal Accord and to strive for a comprehensive settlement of all outstanding issues, including the transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab. Sincere efforts are continuing in this direction to find common acceptable solution to these outstanding issues, in consultation with the concerned parties.

Terrorist activities in Corbett National Park

1838. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist activities on the rise in Corbett National Park;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about 10 labourers were recently killed by terrorists in the Park area; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government to curb terrorist activity in the Park area so that tourism is not adversely affected and also that the natural flora & fauna in the Park are maintained properly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) Such instances have come to notice. In a recent incident on January 18, 1993, terrorist killed 10 labourers in forest areas of Terai.

(c) The Government is alive to the situation and is keeping a close and constant watch on militant activities. All possible steps including intensified combing, strengthening the deployment etc. have been initiated to curb the spread of terrorism in the area.

National Foundation for Communal Harmony

1839. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *Alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have established a National Foundation for Communal Harmony;

(b) if so, what is the scheme of assistance and aims/objects;

(c) how the Foundation is proposed to be funded; and

(d) the details of activities it is to engage in ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The objectives of the Foundation are to :

(i) Undertake programmes or projects for providing assistance to the children of families affected by communal violence, in particular for their education and/or vocational training;

(ii) Undertake programmes or projects for assisting the physical and psychological rehabilitation of the children, families or other victims of communal violence, and their assimilation into the main stream of society;

(iii) Promote or undertake activities for the promotion of communal harmony and national integration including, but not limited to scholarships, fellowships and studies;

(iv) Promote or undertake activities which will highlight and strengthen the bonds of unity and affinity between different religious and other groups in the country;

(v) Undertake and encourage activities which will promote belief in the principles of non-violence in resolving disputes between different religious and other groups in society;

(vi) Institute awards or rewards for outstanding contributions to the cause of communal harmony and national integration;

(vii) Cooperate with, and secure the cooperation of, the Central Government, State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, industrial and commercial organisations, and non-governmental voluntary and other organisations and bodies in promoting the objects of the Foundation;